



Does the Worker Protection Standard apply to you?

☼ The Worker Protection Standard (WPS) is a regulation of the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency administered by the Division of Pesticide Control which covers pesticides that are used for the production of agricultural plants on farms, forests, nurseries, and greenhouses.

☼ If you are an employer of an agricultural pesticide handler or worker, the WPS requires you to provide to these employees information, protection, and mitigation concerning exposure to pesticides.

☼ Agricultural owners must provide all protections required by the WPS to persons who are not members of their immediate family including: workers and handlers who are your employees, and persons who maintain pesticide handling equipment.

☼ Owners of agricultural establishments and members of their immediate family are exempt from many WPS requirements, however you are encouraged to provide yourself and your family with all WPS protections.

For a complete copy of the Worker Protection Standard contact your local county cooperative extension or the Standard is available on the internet at:
<http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/safety/workers/PART170.htm>

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WORKER PROTECTION STANDARD REQUIREMENTS

General provisions for private
applicators of pesticides



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Read the pesticide label being used!

This will provide you with important information on how to protect your workers and handlers from pesticide exposure.

☼ This box will appear on all agricultural use pesticides. If you use these pesticides for the production of an agricultural commodity WPS may apply.

AGRICULTURAL USE REQUIREMENTS

Use this product only in accordance with its labeling and with the Worker Protection Standard, 40 CFR 170. This Standard contains requirements for the protection of agricultural workers on farms, forests, nurseries, and greenhouses, and handlers of agricultural pesticides. It contains requirements for training, decontamination, notification, and emergency assistance. It also contains specific instructions and exceptions pertaining to the statements in this labeling about personal protective equipment, restricted-entry intervals, and notification to workers. The requirements in this box only apply to uses of this product that are covered by the Worker Protection Standard (WPS)

DEFINITIONS

WORKER: any person who is employed for any type of compensation and who is performing activities related to the production of agricultural plants on an agricultural establishment.

HANDLER: anyone employed by an agricultural establishment who uses pesticides in the production of agricultural plants including those mixing and loading pesticides, flaggers, those handling or cleaning contaminated application equipment, those performing soil incorporation, and those disposing of pesticides or pesticide containers.

☼ You are NOT a handler if you only handle unopened pesticide containers or those containers that are emptied and cleaned according to label directions.



PESTICIDE SAFETY TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

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US EPA has requirements stating each worker and handler must be trained.

- ☼ **Five day grace period to train workers.**
- ☼ **Workers and handlers must be trained every five years**

COMPLETE RECORD KEEPING OF WORKER TRAINING IS THE ONLY PROOF YOUR WORKERS WERE TRAINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WORKER PROTECTION STANDARD.

Under NH Administrative Rule Pes 1100, records must include:

- ▶ Name and signature of trainee
- ▶ Identification number assigned by the qualified safety trainer
- ▶ Date and location of training
- ▶ Type of training(worker or handler)
- ▶ Name and certification number of trainer
- ▶ Method and materials used for training
- ▶ Statement signed by trainer that all training was done in accordance with 40 CFR Part 170, the WPS.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

- When Personal Protective Equipment is specified by the labeling, the applicators employer should provide the necessary equipment to that applicator.
- Employers may allow handlers to omit some PPE if the handlers are: using a closed system, in an enclosed cab, or in a cockpit.

INFORMATION AT A CENTRAL LOCATION

What is required to be displayed?



- ▶ Pesticide Safety Poster
- ▶ Emergency Medical Center Information including name, telephone number and address of the nearest medical facility.
- ▶ Pesticide Application List that includes:
 - Location and description of treated area
 - Product name, EPA Reg. No., and active ingredients of the pesticide
 - Time and date pesticide is scheduled to be applied
 - Restricted-entry interval for the pesticide

When must this info be displayed?

Whenever any worker or handler you employ is on your establishment and, in the past 30 days, a pesticide has been applied or a REI has been in effect, the application list must be displayed before the application takes place.

DECONTAMINATION STATION

- Employers of workers and handlers must provide them a site to wash off pesticide residues when the handlers are applying pesticides and when the workers are on the establishment until 30 days after the end of a Restricted-entry interval (REI).
- Supply each decontamination site with:
 - Clean water for washing and eye-flushing
 - Soap and single-use towels
 - Clean change of clothes for handlers